

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5, with the following amended paragraph:

The present application relates to co-pending United States patent application of concurrent ownership entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ACCELERATING HARDWARE SIMULATION," ~~Attorney docket number 252/025 and Serial Number~~ Serial No. 09/586,325, filed on June 2, 2000 and which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.